

# Injury Fatalities

## 2003

### MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS, AGES 15-24 YEARS

- ◆ There were 347 injury fatalities among Massachusetts residents in 2003, a rate of 40.9 fatalities per 100,000 residents. Injuries were the leading cause of death for this age group.

INJURY CAUSE	INJURY INTENT					Total Number	Percent of Total	Crude Rate per 100,000 <sup>2</sup>
	Unintentional	Intentional		Undetermined	Other & Legal <sup>1</sup>			
		Suicide	Homicide					
Cut/pierce	0	1	11	1	0	13	3.7	1.5
Drowning/submersion	8	0	0	1		9	2.6	1.1
Fall	4	2	0	1		7	2.0	0.8
Fire/burn	7	1	0	0		8	2.3	0.9
Firearms	0	14	34	1	0	49	14.1	5.8
Machinery	2					2	0.6	0.2
Natural/environmental	1					1	0.3	0.1
Overexertion	0					0	0.0	0.0
Poisoning	7	3	0	83	0	93	26.8	10.9
Struck by, against	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.3	0.1
Suffocation/hanging	3	25	1	0		29	8.4	3.4
Transport Injuries:	130	0	0	0	0	130	37.5	15.3
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	125					125	36.0	14.7
<i>Occupant</i>	27					27	7.8	3.2
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	6					6	1.7	0.7
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	1					1	0.3	0.1
<i>Pedestrian</i>	10					10	2.9	1.2
<i>Other person</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Unspecified person</i>	81					81	23.3	9.5
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	1					1	0.3	0.1
<i>Other land transport</i>	3					3	0.9	0.4
<i>Other transport</i>	1					1	0.3	0.1
Other specified & classifiable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other specified, not classifiable	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	0.1
Unspecified	2	0	0	2	0	4	1.2	0.5
Adverse Effects <sup>3</sup>						0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40.9</b>
Injury Death Rate by Intent	19.4	5.4	5.5	10.5	--	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

<sup>1</sup> Legal Intervention includes fatalities resulting from police actions and operations of war.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are per 100,000 residents. Rates provided here are not age-adjusted and may differ slightly from other department publications. Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

<sup>3</sup> Adverse Effects can be related to medical and surgical care procedures, or to the use of therapeutic substances (including allergic reactions).

—An injury-related fatality is defined as any death with an ICD-10 code of U01-U03 or V01-Y89 in the underlying cause field.

—Categories and groupings are based on a modified version of the CDC's "Recommended framework of E-code groupings for presenting injury mortality and morbidity data." This framework does not provide for intentionality for certain cause categories as indicated by gray shading.

—Injury subcategories are italicized.

—Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003).

—Massachusetts residents who died in or out-of-state are included in this analysis: non-Massachusetts residents are excluded from the analysis.

—Population data used to calculate rates are based on US Census Bureau estimates ([www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2003-race6-AL\\_MO.csv](http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2003-race6-AL_MO.csv))

—Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, MDPH, July 2005.

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